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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 844 0333 85

PASS: ANEME KABUL FOR ASP

COUNTRY: (U) AFGHANISTAN (AF), SOVIET UNION (UR),  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CZ)

SUBJ: IIR 6 844 0333 85/SOVIETS DIRECT THAT ARIANA  
AIRLINES BE DISMANTLED

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY  
EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

REQS: (U) INITIATIVE

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY: [REDACTED] ARIANA AIRLINES, AS  
CURRENTLY ORGANIZED, IS BEING DISMANTLED AT THE DIRECTION  
OF THE SOVIETS. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF ARIANA HAS BEEN  
REPLACED BY THE PRES OF BAKHTER AIRLINES, THE AFGHAN  
DOMESTIC AIRLINE. BAKHTER'S PRES IS A LOYAL KARMAL  
SUPPORTER. POSSIBLY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, THE FIRST  
OF FOUR TU-154'S WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO ARIANA; THE  
AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR BUYERS FOR  
ARIANA'S TWO REMAINING 727'S. CREWS FOR THE INCOMING  
TU-154'S ARE CURRENTLY IN TRAINING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND  
HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY SCREENED, PRIOR TO SELECTION AS  
TRAINEES, BY KHAD.

TEXT: [REDACTED] THE  
KARMAL REGIME IS IN THE PROCESS OF DISMANTLING ARIANA  
AIRLINES. ARIANA HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AFGHANISTAN'S  
DOMESTIC AIRLINES, BAKHTER AIRLINE. THE FORMER PRESIDENT  
OF ARIANA HAS BEEN SHUNTED ASIDE AND THE PRESIDENT'S  
POSITION OF ARIANA AIRLINES HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF BAKHTER AIRLINES, A LOYAL KARMAL FOLLOWER.

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2. [REDACTED] THE  
SOVIETS ARE BEHIND THE ARIANA TAKEOVER. THE SOVIETS  
HAVE PUSHED TO HAVE THE AFGHANS SELL OFF THE ONE DC-10  
(ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED) AND THE REMAINING TWO 727'S WHICH  
FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF ARIANA. [REDACTED] THE  
AIRCRAFT ARE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE UNITED STATES.  
[REDACTED] THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED INTO  
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS TO PURCHASE FOUR TU-154'S  
WHICH WILL FORM THE CORE OF THE NEW ARIANA AIRLINES.  
PILOTS AND CREWS FOR THE NEW AIRCRAFT ARE BEING TRAINED  
AT THIS TIME IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. [REDACTED] THE  
FIRST OF THE TU-154'S MAY ARRIVE IN AFGHANISTAN AS EARLY  
AS TWO MONTHS FROM JULY.

3. [REDACTED]  
PRIME MINISTER ((KESHIMAND)) IS BEHIND THE AIRLINE  
CHANGEOVER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE MOVE TO DISMANTLE  
ARIANA CAME FROM A "HIGHER AUTHORITY" THAN KESHIMAND OR  
KARMAL, I.E., THE SOVIETS.

4. [REDACTED] THE  
CURRENT AIRCREWS OF "THE OLD" ARIANA AIRLINES MAY BE  
TOTALLY REMOVED FROM FLYING ONCE THE TU-154'S BECOME  
FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE NEW CREWS FOR THE TU-154'S  
[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY SCREENED BY KHAD  
PRIOR TO THEIR SELECTION FOR TRAINING.  
[REDACTED] POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION IS A LARGE PART OF THEIR  
TRAINING. [REDACTED] TOO MANY DEFECTIONS HAVE  
OCCURRED FROM WITHIN THE RANKS OF ARIANA AND THIS IS A  
CONSTANT CAUSE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.  
KHAD IS PLACING INCREASED EMPHASIS ON THE SCREENING AND  
CHECKING OF ARIANA PERSONNEL PRIOR TO ISSUING THEIR  
MULTIPLE VISAS, WHICH, AS A STANDARD PRACTICE, ARE  
RENEWED EVERY SIX MONTHS. SOME ARIANA CREW MEMBERS,  
DUE TO DOUBTS OF THEIR LOYALTY TO THE KARMAL REGIME, ARE  
ISSUED VISAS WHICH ARE MARKED AS VALID ONLY FOR FLIGHTS TO  
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SUBJ: IIR 6 844 0333 85/SOVIETS DIRECT THAT ARIANA

PRAGUE OR MOSCOW. THE ISSUE OF  
MULTIPLE VISAS NORMALLY TAKES ABOUT 10 DAYS; SINCE  
KHAD HAS INCREASED ITS EMPHASIS ON HALTING DEFECTIONS, THE  
ISSUANCE OF A MULTIPLE VISA MAY TAKE AS LONG AS 40 DAYS.

5. (U) EVAL OF THIS IIR IS NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE VALUE  
OF INFO PROVIDED.

PROJ: (U) N/A  
COLL: (U) AB  
INSTR: (U) US-10

EVAL: (U) YES, EVAL AGAINST INITIATIVE; REL TO: NAME  
ENCL: (U) N/A  
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